

Application Serial No. 10/586,698  
Response to Office Action

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Applicant(s): Akifumi HAYASHI, et al.

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ABSORBENT ARTICLE

Art Unit : 3761

Examiner : MELANIE JO HAND

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
June 23, 2010, the term for response to which expires on  
September 23, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2. Claims 1-7, 10, 13-20 and 22 are  
canceled; claims 8 and 21 are amended; and claims 9, 11 and 12  
are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.